

State of Washington

Activity Summary By Agency

Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs**2001-03 Biennium Estimated Expenditures**

	<u>General Fund</u>			<u>Annual</u>
	<u>State</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
Activity / Function: Dept of Veterans Affairs-Administrative Services	\$3,166,832	\$92,629	\$3,259,461	22.0

Statewide Category: Government Administration and Support

Purpose: The Department of Veterans' Affairs' administration supports the Veterans Services program, the Washington Veterans' Home at Retsil, the Washington Soldiers' Home and Colony at Orting, and the Spokane Veterans' Home. The agency's Central Office provides support, leadership, and policy direction for the delivery of statewide veterans services. The Central Office also provides the communication link with the Legislature, other stakeholders and the general public. The functions that provide these services are information services, safety, budget, capital, quality assurance, training, legislative liaison, public affairs, and human resources.

Activity / Function: Institutional Services for Veterans	\$12,344,725	\$55,230,097	\$67,574,822	569.1
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Statewide Category: Health Services

Purpose: Three state veterans' homes (the Washington Soldiers Home and Colony, the Washington Veterans Home, and the Spokane Veterans' Home) provide long-term health care for honorably discharged veterans, and in some instances their spouses, who are disabled and indigent, or likely to become indigent due to the cost of their health care. The Spokane Veterans' Home opened October 1, 2001, with 100 skilled nursing-level beds. The Soldiers Home, in Orting was opened in 1891 and has a residential capacity of 183. The Colony, designed to serve eligible veterans and their families residing within the Orting school district, was added in 1905. The Colony capacity is 24 members. The Washington Veterans Home in Retsil opened in 1910, with a current residential capacity of 347. The Orting and Retsil homes provide three levels of care: domiciliary, assisted living and skilled nursing. The homes provide health and psycho-social services using an interdisciplinary team approach. Colony members are also served through this approach. Nursing, clinic, rehabilitative therapy, therapeutic activity, social services, and administrative staff work together to provide an environment conducive to health, morale, and self-determination, which also encourages residents to function at their highest level of self-reliance and independence. In addition, Colony members receive a monthly allotment for food, and an annual clothing allotment. The Homes maximize the resources provided by state and federal governments. Residents contribute toward their cost of care as their resources allow.

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\$5,313,776	\$1,837,311	\$7,151,087	30.7

Activity / Function: Veterans Services**Statewide Category:** Social Services and Income Maintenance

Purpose: The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) ranks among the nation's leaders in the satisfaction of veterans claims submitted to the US Department of Veterans Affairs. In Fiscal Year 2001, over 40,000 veterans and family members received client services resulting in the submission of 7,284 claims for entitlements. These efforts are coordinated through the Veterans' Services Division, which includes the following: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) counseling provided by 26 contractors statewide; homeless veterans services in the form of case management, transitional housing, and employment support services; outreach to more than 350 nursing homes to ensure clientele receive the maximum federal entitlements possible - saving the state General Fund revenue dollars; Veterans' Estate Management Program provides fiduciary and guardianship services; Centralized Admission Team which markets, processes applications and conducts initial medical assessments for admission to Washington's veterans' homes; an in-state 24-hour toll-free number for veterans information and referral; incarcerated veterans services to clients who are part of the King County Jail system; and an aggressive outreach program that assists veterans with claims processing and referral services to those living in isolated rural areas.

Total Reported:	3	TOTALS	\$20,825,333	\$57,160,037	\$77,985,370	621.8
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